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SUBJECT: UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF 1977 MINISTERIAL
GUIDANCE: DRC REVIEW MAY 6

REF: (A) USNATO 2563 (DTG 301119Z APR 77), (B) USNATO
2672 (DTG 041329Z MAY 77), (C) USNATO 2494 (DTG 281806Z
APR 77), (D) STATE 103033 (DTG 052313Z MAY 77)
1. DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) CONDENSED SUBSTANTIALLY
THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF 1977 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE
(REF A) DURING ITS MAY 6 MEETING.

2. OPENING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, CANADIAN REP (OLSON),
UNDER FIRM INSTRUCTIONS, STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES
WHILE FAVORING SEPARATION OF THE SUMMARY GUIDANCE FROM
THE BODY OF THE DPC COMMUNIQUE, OPPOSED CIRCULATION OF
THE PRESENT TEXT BECAUSE (A) IT WAS TOO PESSIMISTIC,
RECOUNTING NUMEROUS DEFICIENCIES BUT LITTLE PROGRESS,
AND THUS ITS PUBLIC RELEASE COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE,
AND (B) THE 1977 TEXT WOULD INEVITABLY BE COMPARED TO
1975 UNCLASSIFIED GUIDANCE AND WOULD PALE IN COMPARISON.
OTTAWA PROPOSED REVERTING TO THE SUMMARY TEXT IN
PARAS 8-13 OF THE INITIAL DRAFT MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE
(REF C). SEVERAL REPS SYMPHASIZED WITH THE CANADIAN
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POSITION, BUT STATED THAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS WERE BASED
ON THE PRESENT UNCLASSIFIED VERSION, AND, THUS, PREFERRED
TO ADDRESS THAT TEXT. US REP NOTED THAT THE ALTERNATIVE
TEXT SUGGESTED BY CANADA WAS EVEN MORE GLOOMY IN TONE
THAN THE PRESENT DRAFT AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE
ATTEMPT TO SHORTEN AND PROVIDE BETTER BALANCE TO THE
PRESENT TEXT.

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3. DRC ADOPTED US REP'S SUGGESTION AND REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY THE DRAFT TEXT BY DELETING PARAS 2-4, PARING DOWN THE THREAT SECTION (PARAS 5-7) AND CONDENSING AND COMBINING THE DEFICIENCIES DESCRIBED IN PARAS 11-20. THE ALLIANCE COOPERATION (PARAS 22-27), RESOURCES (PARA 28) AND PRIORITIES (PARA 29) SECTIONS WERE LEFT LARGELY INTACT.

4. DRC WILL ADDRESS REVISED TEXT (SEPTEL) ON MAY 12.
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